

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S643–S657

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 654–665, and S. Res. 94. **Page S654**

Ballou Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Robert Stewart Ballou, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. **Pages S643–53**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 40), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S653**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 7, 2023; that all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 11:30 a.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Andrew G. Schopler, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the Andrew G. Schopler nomination; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Arun Subramanian, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, the confirmation vote on the nomination be at 4:30 p.m. **Page S656**

Werfel Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. **Page S648**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. **Page S648**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S648**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S648**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Felix R. Sanchez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Bryan David Hunt, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—40) **Page S653**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S656.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to receive a briefing on the Department of Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Federal debt limit and its economic and financial consequences, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the air, climate, and environmental impacts of crypto-asset mining, including an original bill entitled, "The Crypto-Asset Environmental Transparency Act", 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax policy's role in increasing affordable housing supply for working families, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine reining in dominant digital platforms, focusing on restoring competition to our digital markets, 3 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on S. 619, the "COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023"; H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency

relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'"; and H.R. 140, the "Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act", 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled "VistA: The Good, the Bad, and the Misunderstood", 3 p.m., 390 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1376, the "COVID-19 Origins Act of 2023", 5 p.m., HVC-304.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 7 through March 10, 2023

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Robert Stewart Ballou, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Robert Stewart Ballou, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Andrew G. Schopler, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Andrew G. Schopler, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Arun Subramanian, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 4:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Arun Subramanian, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 8, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: March 7, Subcommittee on Defense, to receive a briefing on the Department of Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., SD-192.